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## **Probable SS-20 Field Resupply Capability, USSR (S)**

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## PROBABLE SS-20 FIELD RESUPPLY CAPABILITY, USSR (S)

1. (TSR) On [ ] an empty SS-20 towed canister dolly was in a revetment at Drovyanaya Field Training Area (FTA) S2-Rvt [ ] USSR. In addition, one SS-20-associated probable [ ] van truck and several small unidentified vehicles were present (Figure 1). No SS-20 canisters were observed. This is the first identification of an SS-20 canister dolly in the field and strongly suggests that this dolly could be used to resupply field-deployed SS-20 launch units. A field-resupply role had been suspected for this dolly, but until this observation it had only been seen serving as an intrabase transport.

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2. (TSR) The canister dolly has an overall length of [ ] which includes the tow bar. The cradle assembly for supporting the canister is [ ] Four vertical post-like objects are on the canister dolly. These objects may be hydraulic cylinders for raising and leveling the cradle of the dolly to facilitate loading/unloading between the dolly and a missile railcar or an SS-20 transporter-erector-launcher (TEL). This roll-transfer capability is also indicated by the observation of an empty dolly aligned with a missile railcar at Verkhnyaya Salda Rail-to-Road Transfer Point (RTP [ ] Figure 2).

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